



THE VIEW

FROM SAN RAMON

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March 2022

“Here, There, and Everywhere”

District Elections and the Redistricting Process

Featuring Steven Spedowski

Deputy City Manager

City of San Ramon

Thursday, March 30, 2022

7:00–8:00 PM

Evite and Zoom Details to Follow





Steven Spedowski will present an overview of district based elections and the redistricting process in San Ramon. Learn more about the background of district elections, how districts were originally formed, why they are changing, and how they impact local elections.

See Page 4 for Details

AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS

American Association of University Women advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30 PM Lunch Bunch Marsha Froines <i>Happy Mardi Gras!</i>	2	3	4	5 7:30 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
6	7	8 International Women's Day 	9	10	11	12 9:00 AM Local Walking Group Lois Kamoroff
13  SPRING AHEAD	14 1:00 PM Daytime Readers Margo James 7:00 PM All Member Board Meeting and Gift Basket Drawing (See pgs 3 & 6)	15 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White	16	17 	18 **Special Date** 7:30 PM Friday Flicks Chris White	19 12:00– 1:00 PM Santa Clara Chapter IBC Virtual Event
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Snippets

We are sad to announce that former AAUW San Ramon branch member Barbara Morrissey passed away on February 10. Our corresponding secretary, Lois Kamoroff, has sent a card on behalf of the branch to her husband, Denny.

If you have a Snippet item (family events, career changes, etc.) that you would like to share with branch members, please contact Marsha Froines. **This column depends on member contributions.**

Save the Dates

April 16 Spring Tea Fund Fundraiser
 April 30 Local Scholarship Shredding Event and AAUW CA Annual Event (virtual)
 May 21 Branch Year-End Celebration
 May 29–30 Ice Cream Sales at Art & Wind Festival

Co-President's Pen



“Providing Healing. Promoting Hope” is the theme for Women’s History Month in March 2022. The [National Women’s History Alliance](#) chose it as “both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.”

How can you honor Women’s History Month 2022?

- Wear purple on International Women’s Day, Tuesday March 8, to show solidarity.
- Give special recognition to the women in your world who are caregivers and frontline workers (including yourself).
- Promote AAUW to your network. Everything you say and do during March will gain extra firepower because the surround of media messages about women’s contributions will heighten everyone’s awareness of women’s contributions. Talk about our organization and our branch.
- Follow, like, and share our social media.
- View some online exhibits about women’s history at <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>

Join us for a little extra Monday fun at our next board meeting! March 14 at 7:00 PM is the next monthly board meeting. All branch members are invited to join for a special social time at the meeting start. Everyone who donated to Local Scholarship this past year is eligible to win a gift basket in a drawing to be held that night. Please join us! Look for the Zoom link a few days before. If you are curious about what the board does, stay for the whole meeting. (By the way—board meetings are always open to members.)

Interested in a board role? Our next AAUW year starts in the summer, and your board has initiated the search for next year’s board members. Is that you? Contact Cindy Alpert or Chris Burchik on the Nominating Committee if you would like to strengthen your leadership muscles and help your favorite AAUW project be even more successful.

Great things happen in Sonoma! Our Tech Trek campers will be back at Sonoma State this year. Yay! A bit of trivia: Women’s History Month started in Sonoma County in 1978, when the school district organized a weeklong celebration around International Women’s Day of women’s (often-overlooked) contributions to history, culture, and society. Two years later, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the week of March 8 (International Women’s Day) to be Women’s History Week and, in 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to include all of March.

Inter-Branch Council (IBC) You may have noticed more information in your in-box about AAUW happenings in our sister branches. Our branch is a member of the Contra Costa Inter-Branch Council along with the other eight branches. We’re trying to increase awareness and participation. At 100 members, San Ramon is the third-largest branch in the IBC. Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek is the largest with 234 members, and Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette is next with 120.

What’s Coming Up?

- *Monday, March 14*—All Member Board Meeting invitation and Local Scholarship Donors’ Drawing
- *Wednesday, March 30*—Redistricting Program with Steven Spedowski via Zoom
- *Saturday, April 16*—Fund Tea & Speaker Fundraising Event
- *Saturday April 30*—AAUW CA Annual Event (Virtual)
- *Saturday April 30*—Local Scholarship Fundraiser Shredding Event
- *Saturday, May 21*—Branch Year End Celebration
- *Sunday & Monday, May 29–30*—Ice Cream Sales Fundraiser at Art & Wind Festival

Happy Women’s History Month to everyone. Your contributions are enabling even more history to be made right now!

Kathleen Schaub
Co-President with Janice Colby

Program

“HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE”

March 30

7:00–8:00 PM

Via Zoom

Featuring

Steven Spedowski

Deputy City Manager for San Ramon City



Mark your calendars to learn about district-based elections and the redistricting process in San Ramon. We will hear from Steven Spedowski, Deputy City Manager for the City of San Ramon, on the districting process, changes to the current borders, timing of changes, and impacts to the next local elections. Steven has been in his current role since 2019. His duties include serving as the Economic Development Director, Public Information Officer, and Legislative Analyst. He brings a wealth of knowledge on this topic and we look forward to learning more about district elections.

You can also attend the next public meeting on redistricting scheduled for March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Details for this are available on the City of San Ramon website. To learn more about the redistricting process, view more details on public hearings, access mapping tools and supporting data, and more, visit: sanramon.ca.gov/redistrict_2022

Look for the meeting Evite and Zoom details later in the month.

We look forward to seeing you at this upcoming event!

Cindy Alpert,
Co-Vice President, Program with Lynda Gann

Bonus Program **AAUW Santa Clara County IBC**

March 19
12:00–1:00 PM

The AAUW Santa Clara County IBC will host an event on March 19, 2022 to celebrate the 50 years of Title IX. The event is scheduled from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM and will be a virtual meeting.

The event will feature a panel of women who will discuss how each gender was given equal rights to educational programs, activities, and financial assistance. They will also discuss how Title IX has evolved over the last 50 years, including the impact on LGBTQ students as well as equality in athletics. The panel will be moderated by Danielle Slaton, US Women’s Soccer Olympic medalist and soccer television analyst with the San Jose Earthquakes.

Registration for the event will be through Eventbrite. More details will be available on the AAUW Santa Clara County website:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/event/aauw-santa-clara-county-presents-title-ix-what-you-dont-know-can-hurt-you/>

Happy March Birthdays

Julie Gin
Renu Kulkarni
Teresa Kalashian
Faye Isaacson
Linda Henika
Leslie Adams
Beverly Kleyn
Joy Perkins





Spring Tea AAUW Fund Fundraising Event

(Limited In-Person or Unlimited Virtual Event Options)

Saturday April 16, 2022
Bollinger Hills Cabana, 2951 Morgan Drive
(or virtual via Zoom)
2:00 to 4:00 PM

Our AAUW Grant recipient speaker for the upcoming April 16 AAUW Fund event is the impressive **Alison Espinosa-Setchko** from Oakland. Alison is dedicated to creating healing in the lives of survivors and perpetrators of severe harm. Until recently, she was Program Manager at The Ahimsa Collective coordinating a "Restorative Approaches to Intimate Violence" program for incarcerated men. She currently works as a therapist and case manager at Mills College in Oakland, CA. As an abolitionist and MSW candidate at Smith College School for Social Work, Alison seeks to challenge the field of social work's complicity with the carceral system and to promote restorative responses to harm that create true safety and wholeness for all communities.



Bronze – \$25 Minimum Donation

Silver – \$35 (min. donation & 6 drawing tickets)

Gold – \$50 or more (min. donation & 15 drawing tickets)

You will have the option to donate more or purchase more drawing tickets during the event, so bring your checkbooks and/or cash.

Drawing Prizes:

3 Bottles of Bent Creek Petite Sirah

4 Bottles of McGrail wine

(wine valued at \$30/bottle; 7 separate drawings)

1 lb Box Custom Burchik Chocolates (valued at \$50)

6 Floral Centerpieces (6 separate drawings)

For everyone's safety, patio doors will be open for ventilation and chairs will be available outside in the pool area for social time.

Vaccination status will be verified at the door. We will follow CCC masking protocols in place at the time. You will also be asked to sign a waiver if you attend in person.

Look for your Evite with event details! Questions: aauwsr@gmail.com



How to Pay for Event: Make Checks Payable to: AAUW SAN RAMON

In the Memo Field Write "FUND" AND EITHER "IN-PERSON" OR "VIRTUAL"

Mail Checks & Form to:

AAUW SAN RAMON
 PO BOX 336
 SAN RAMON CA 94583

Name: _____

Check one: In Person _____ Virtual _____ Unable to attend _____

____ \$25 Bronze

____ \$35 Silver

____ \$50 Gold

Please accept this donation

\$_____ to AAUW FUND.

Local Scholarship



Donor Gift Basket Drawing at March 14 Board Meeting on Zoom!

The first part of March is still the perfect opportunity for our members (including their friends and family) to donate to Local Scholarship, as we plan to have our thank-you gift basket drawing for all donors at our March 14 board meeting on Zoom. (See Co-President's Pen for details.) Please also see the photo (below) of the gift basket*, which includes:



- Lovely insulated blue fabric picnic basket that contains four colorful plates, four settings of silverware, six denim cloth napkins, and two insulated wine cups;
- bottle of Bent Creek Petite Sirah, wine opener, and six classy wine charms;
- \$25 Costco gift card; and
- A gift card for a Deluxe Carwash at Chamois Carwash in Danville.

*The approximate value of the gift basket is \$150.

Any member, their family, or friends who make a monetary donation (regardless of amount) to Local Scholarship, either directly or through SPF, will have their name entered in a drawing for this value-packed gift basket! Donations made starting July 1, 2021 through the drawing on March 14 are eligible. ONE LUCKY donor's name will be drawn and the winner doesn't need to be present to win...although we hope you all will! THANK YOU in advance for your much-needed and much-appreciated support.

Loranne Weir,
Co-Vice PPresident, Local Scholarship with
Julie Gin and Susan Walker-Christensen

Shredding Event Fundraiser

Saturday, April 30

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

(Event is over when shredding truck is full!)

**Bollinger Hills Cabana Parking Lot
2949 Morgan Drive, San Ramon**

Suggested Donation

\$12 per Banker's Box or Grocery Bag



Our shredding event fundraiser is back! With the help of Janice Colby and Janice Nugent, we are able to hold this event again, so you can use the month of April to clean out your files while you're gathering your tax documents!

Please contact us at aauwst@gmail.com if you have more questions.

High School Scholarships Update

The application for the Local Scholarship award has been posted on the San Ramon AAUW website. Counseling and career staff have been contacted at California High, Dougherty Valley High, and Venture schools. Students can access the application directly through our website again this year although site staff may also choose to provide hard copies.

On January 29 and February 4, members of our Local Scholarship committee met with our two CSUEB Renaissance Scholars scholarship recipients (Maryam Fields and Michelle May) to present them with their second \$500 check and to update their progress toward their personal and academic goals.

Julie Gin, Loranne Weir, Pat Campbell, and I met with Michelle May for coffee and a nice visit at a Starbucks in Pleasanton. Julie Gin, Pat Campbell, Kathleen Schaub, and I met with Maryam Fields in a conference room at CSUEB. Both young women reported that they are doing well and very much appreciate the support from our organization. A brief summary of their current status follows.

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Local Scholarship, continued

Renaissance Scholars Update

Maryam Fields



Maryam is currently a sophomore and is majoring in Biological Sciences. She reports that she changed her concentration from cell and molecular biology to ecology. She is very interested in environmental conservation or perhaps working with animals.

Maryam shared the exciting news that she is now living on the CSUEB campus in a dorm and is no longer commuting from Tracy! This is her first experience living away from home and family, and she reports that she “likes everything.” Her genuine excitement was obvious to us all when we met together! Following is a partially edited version of a letter that Maryam has written to our branch.

“Happy New Year, AAUW! Ultimately, last fall semester was chaotic and stressful. With all of the hurdles I had to undergo, I didn't know how I could push through it—yet here I am in my spring semester, taking the next level of science-based courses toward my degree. If it wasn't for my individual faith, and for the support from contributors such as the Renaissance Scholars program, AAUW, and my family, I most likely wouldn't have done as great.

To be more precise, there were a lot of factors standing in my path last semester, one of which was my...distance from the East Bay campus. I couldn't believe how much of a stressor this lifestyle was for me, throughout my studies.

That is why this semester I am filled with such high gratitude and hope. I say this because a strong goal of mine was to be able to live and thrive on campus, to be able to focus on what truly mattered—my education, career experience, and most importantly, myself. And it happened—I achieved my goal!”

Michelle May



Michelle is continuing in her senior year as a Human Development major. She reports that she did well last semester and is currently enrolled in five courses for a total of 14 units. With the onset of the pandemic, she wasn't able to carry a full load due to her responsibilities as a single parent and her work schedule. Therefore, her new tentative graduation date will be fall 2023. Michelle expressed the following to us.

“I can honestly say that I feel like I am really in a good space that I haven't been in since before the pandemic started in March 2020. My spirit is high and I am eager to start and finish strong this semester!!”

Michelle continues to work with individual clients through the Compass Agency SLS & ILS (Supportive and Independent Living Skills) in Pleasanton. Her plans after graduation continue to be working with the geriatric population as a social worker or director of services for a non-profit agency, or owning her own long-term care facility. She is very passionate about this population and providing a positive continuum of care as they may transition to different living settings.

Susan Walker-Christensen,
Co-Vice President, Local Scholarship with
Julie Gin and Loranne Weir



Vernal Equinox March 20
Welcome Spring!

Public Policy



This month we share an article from AAUW California about investment in childcare as an economic imperative. While the Build Back Better bill is not advancing at the national level, it is important to advocate for reliable and high-quality childcare at all levels in supporting women in their education and careers.

Catherine Lewis,
Public Policy Chair

Childcare: An Overdue and Critical Investment

January 5, 2022

By Shelley Mitchell and Ginny Hatfield
AAUW California Public Policy Committee

“It’s past time that we treat childcare as what it is—an element whose contribution to economic growth is as essential as infrastructure or energy...and the single most important thing we can do to build a stronger economy over the next several decades,” says Janet Yellen, the former Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank and now Secretary of the Treasury.

The state of U.S. childcare is deplorable compared with other developed nations, especially with respect to affordability. This fact has been brought home to us ever more vividly during the current pandemic. Women, who still bear the majority of childbearing, have left the workforce in the millions due to the absence of basic childcare services and the cost associated with it.

Here are some sobering statistics:

- 56% of married families with children under 6 consist of households where both parents work
- The employment rate for single mothers raising a young child is 65%; it’s 83% for single fathers who maintain custody
- The average American family with at least one child under 5 uses 13% of their income to pay for childcare

- Less than 20% of children eligible for a low-income federal assistance program are getting the funding
- 50% of Americans live in childcare “deserts” or areas where there are three children per every childcare opening
- In 24 states the average cost for infant full-time daycare exceeds the average cost of rent
- 97% of childcare providers are women, who are disproportionately women of color, making less than a living wage with no guaranteed benefits. In the US, the mean hourly wage for childcare workers is \$12.88, nearly \$3.00 less per hour than parking lot attendants, and \$5.00 less per hour than dog groomers.

This is a textbook example of a broken market, whereby the benefits of providing a service (in this case childcare) are not included in its overall value. Are our children really less important than our cars and dogs?

The consequences of not investing in quality childcare should have most Americans demanding action from their government leaders. Neglecting the care of young children is detrimental to their physical and mental wellbeing; it reduces productivity in the workforce; leads to lost wages and reduced retirement benefits for parents; it adds to the downward pressure on childcare workers, which in turn, impacts the quality and stability of childcare; and restricts future educational opportunities for family members.

There is hope on the horizon! The *Build Back Better Act*, now awaiting action by the Senate, would provide universal preschool with high-quality childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds; increase wages for early childhood educators; upgrade existing childcare facilities, especially in high-need areas; and provide a sliding scale whereby parents would pay a reasonable percentage of their overall income to childcare costs.

Whether the legislation is included in the Reconciliation bill or taken up as a stand-alone bill, it deserves passage and your support. Childcare relief remains the top priority of AAUW California this year. Please be sure to contact your senator and let them know of your AAUW membership and your commitment to ensuring our nation’s future.

AAUW is calling on the 117th Congress to ensure that a permanent paid leave program, childcare funding, and the Child Tax Credit are included in the budget reconciliation process.

To find out more or to contact your senators, click [HERE](#).

Membership



Membership Matters

New Member Recruitment

We have many resources at our fingertips to offer potential members to inform them about AAUW. Our recently updated Branch Bulletin is a wonderful reference that highlights our mission, programs, and activities. If you have not recently done so, reacquaint yourself with the wealth of information offered online:

- AAUW San Ramon Branch
- AAUW of California
- AAUW National

Please consider inviting any prospective member guest(s) to our monthly programs and special interest groups. Your membership team can assist with welcoming them and informing them about joining our branch.

Beginning March 16, a new member may join paying full dues effective through June 2023. That means free membership for the months of April, May, and June 2022. Who knew—a sale!

Membership Renewal and Fee Increase Coming Soon

AAUW membership follows the fiscal year, July 1 through June 30 of the following year. The renewal season begins March 16. You will receive notification from AAUW National via e-mail.

- AAUW National Individual membership dues will be increasing \$5 to \$67 of which \$64 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)4 Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.
- AAUW of California dues remain at \$20.
- AAUW San Ramon Branch dues remain at \$20.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next program event and special interest group gatherings!

Harvalee Grimm
Co-Vice President, Membership with
Margo James and Betsy Hoffmann

Walking Group Update

On February 12, eight of us (Kathleen Schaub, Chris Burchik, Susan Walker-Christensen, Lorraine Weir, Susan Volsky, Harvalee Grimm, Andree Chagnon, Lois Kamoroff) had a lovely walk around the lake in San Ramon. We chatted with each other as we walked about two miles—twice around the lake's perimeter. Afterward, some of us had a fun time supporting our local vendors at the San Ramon Farmer's market. There was a colorful array of fresh produce and large variety of locally made and raised products. Hope to see you on our next walk, Saturday, March 12.

Lois Kamoroff and Andree Chagnon



March 1: Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler



With a Little Help from Our Friends

On Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30 the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival returns to Central Park! This is our branch's biggest community awareness event and our *only* FUNdraiser for operating funds. These ice cream sales provide the foundation for our treasury so we can bring **you** outstanding in-person events. In addition, in just these two days the sale provides an opportunity for the broader San Ramon Valley Community to

- Learn about AAUW and its mission,
- Showcase the benefits of membership,
- Demonstrate how the funds we raise help educate women,
- Educate the public about the mission of AAUW, and
- Highlight the benefits of membership.

We typically raise between \$2600 and \$3000 at this event. This amount is usually sufficient for us to continue to provide fun in-person programs for all of you.

Selling the Ice Cream Is Fun and Rewarding!

Can you help to sell ice cream in 2.5 hour shifts throughout the day either on Sunday or Monday? Here's what we need and the way this will work:

- Two volunteers per cart for two ice cream carts;
- Friends and family members (including teens who must be accompanied by an adult) are welcome;
- One volunteer handles ice cream (all packaged) and wears gloves;
- One volunteer collects money and provides change if needed.

Volunteers are welcome to bring a chair. Each cart has an umbrella that will provide some shade.

We need volunteers who can commit to this event and we need to know by March 31 or we **can't** move forward with this event. Without this commitment from our members, we won't have the funds to continue to offer in-person programs as in the past. Get in touch with me if you can help during the Art & Wind Festival Ice Cream Sale. The best way to contact me is via e-mail.

Janet Williams,
Art & Wind Festival Chair

Tech Trek



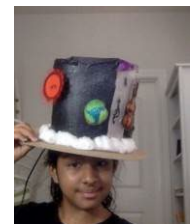
Update

Plans for the 2022 AAUW-CA Tech Trek camp program are moving rapidly, with selected girls to have an option of attending either a residential (in-person) camp at Sonoma State University (June 19–25) or a virtual camp (June 19–24 or July 24–29). Attendance at a virtual camp is also a potential backup for those girls who select the residential camp in case of residential camp cancellation.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 2022 camp program is being sent from AAUW-CA to our branch. The branch plans to sponsor six girls to residential camp (at \$1,000 per camper) and two girls to a virtual camp (at \$500 per camper).

The four San Ramon middle schools (Gale Ranch, Iron Horse, Pine Valley, and Windemere Ranch) have been contacted and the STEM teachers have nominated female 7th grade students for San Ramon Tech Trek camp sponsorships. Stay tuned as more is learned about the nominees, applicants, and the status of our selection process.

Below are pictures of the girl's automated hats made at the 2021 virtual camp (shown at our September membership meeting last year).



Cordelia Hwang
Tech Trek Co-coordinator with Stella Hadjimarkos

Communications

What's Happening in Social Media?

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SRAAUW>

A place to find information about our programs and events, as well as information from National and California AAUW offices. Our number of page likes (have you liked our page?) are at 178, inching our way to our 200 page "Like" goal.

Make sure to "like" and "share" posts. Please feel free to comment—all these actions turn on the Facebook algorithms, thereby making our page more prominent. By sharing the information on your personal page, your friends learn about the great work AAUW is doing locally and nationally.

Instagram @sanramonaauw

We started an IG page in the fall of 2020. We have 139 followers! Are you one of them? Again, please "like" and "share" (onto your story) our posts so that you help us spread the word of our programs and work in the community.

Website <https://sanramon-ca.aauw.net/>

In addition to Facebook and Instagram, I maintain the branch's website. We continue to tweak it to make it relevant and easy to use. Please visit it and let me know if there is something else you would like to find on it. Did you know you could share information from this site with family and friends on your social media?

Bottom line: It is all about spreading the word by sharing

Besides our local branch activities, you might be interested in following the National AAUW (<https://www.aauw.org/>) and California AAUW (<https://www.aauw-ca.org/>) social media sites. You may find these by visiting their website pages.

One last note:

I encourage you to visit the webinar schedule page on the AAUW California site at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/category/2021-2022-webinars/>. You may watch/listen to videoconferences that have already taken place or register for upcoming programs. This is an exciting new way to reach our members.

Isabel Lau,
Communications Manager

San Ramon Library Foundation Spring Mega Book Sale March 24, 25, 26

The San Ramon Library Foundation's Spring Mega Book Sale is coming this month.

- Thursday, March 24 from 4:00 PM–7:00 PM is the Members Only Preview Sale. All books will be 1/2 off for members of the Foundation.
- Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, are open to the public from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM.
- The final hour from 3:00–4:00 PM on Saturday will feature a \$5 per bag sale.

DVDs and CDs are also available. All proceeds benefit the San Ramon libraries.

Jo Anne Barron, Contributor

Help the Branch Grow!

The Nominating Committee is beginning the recruitment process of our Branch Leadership Team for the 2022–2023 fiscal year. At this time, we are identifying positions that need to be filled. Serving on the Board of Directors is a great way to meet others, support the branch key initiatives and activities, and help set the direction for the future. Our Co-Presidents, Janice Colby and Kathleen Schaub, will continue for another term, which sets us up for another year of great leadership.

We updated the roles and responsibilities for each position so you will have a good understanding of the commitment. Many positions can be shared so the effort required is reasonable. If you are contacted to fill a vacancy, please consider saying yes and sharing your great talents.

Our goal is to present a slate of officers at the board meeting on March 14. Members will vote on the slate at the April 16 AAUW Fund event. All new officers will be installed and introduced in May.

We appreciate your support!

Cindy Alpert
Nominating Committee Chair

Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesday

Tuesday, March 1; 12:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Until we can resume meeting in person, this will be another virtual Lunch Bunch meeting. Margo James has kindly agreed to set the meeting up, so watch for her e-mail with the Zoom link in it. If Margo is unable to set the Zoom meeting up, Lucy Weed will do the honors. To join the e-mail reminder list, contact:

Marsha Froines

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### GAME NIGHT

#### First Saturday

Saturday, March 5; 7:30 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Information about the Zoom call will be sent prior to March 5

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed

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LOCAL WALKING GROUP

Saturday, March 12; 9:00 AM

We'll walk around the lake at Bishop Ranch. The walkway is gravel and paved in some areas and an easy flat terrain. Parking should be easy at the Target parking lot. Everyone is welcome, including your dogs!

RSVP if you would like to be a part of this interest group.

Contact:

Lois Kamoroff



Joy Perkins

Designing Smart Solutions for Busy People
925-216-9883 • omnibusorganizing@gmail.com

Interest Groups

DAYTIME READERS

Second Monday

Monday, March 14; 1:00–3:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

We are reading *Mudlark: In Search of London's Past Along the Thames* by Lara Maiklem. Margo James will lead the discussion. If you have questions or wish to be put on the e-mail list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact

Margo James

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### TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Tuesday, March 15; 7:00–9:00 PM or so

Hostess: Chris White

RSVP

Our AAUW Bridge meetings will continue to be via Zoom and BridgeBase.

If you would like to be included in this group, please

RSVP: **Contact Chris White as soon as possible to let her know if you are playing or not.**

Questions? Contact Chris White

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THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Third Monday

Monday, March 21; 7:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Judy Bracken and Arlene Addison will review *A Shooting Star*, by Wallace Stegner.

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng

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### FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, March 18; 7:30 PM \*\* Special Date \*\*

Via Zoom videoconference

Cheri Ng has volunteered to organize our March Friday Flicks night (on a special date to avoid conflict with San Ramon Foreign Film Series). Her movie pick is *Just Mercy*, available on many platforms—Red Box, Netflix, Amazon Prime, iTunes. Please watch it at your leisure and join us for a discussion via Zoom led by Cheri Ng. Give us a try! Our format is similar to a Book Group review. Our last movie, *CODA*, was well received by all that viewed it. I highly recommend that you watch it. It is available to stream on Apple +.

Let Chris White know if you wish to receive a Zoom link.

And please volunteer!

Chris White



## 2021–2022 Board

### CO-PRESIDENTS

Janice Colby  
Kathleen Schaub

### IMMEDIATE PAST CO-PRESIDENTS

Chris Burchik  
Lucy Weed

### CO-VICE PRESIDENTS, PROGRAM

Cindy Alpert  
Lynda Gann

### CO-VICE PRESIDENTS, MEMBERSHIP

Harvalee Grimm  
Betsy Hoffmann  
Margo James

### CO-VICE PRESIDENTS, THE FUND

Pam Bugbee  
Elaine Graves

### CO-VICE PRESIDENTS, SCHOLARSHIP

Julie Gin  
Susan Walker-Christensen  
Loranne Weir

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